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Claim 1. (Amended) A plastic bucket comprising, in combination:

an upright, annular bucket wall having an inside wall radius, said annular [upright] bucket wall connecting to [terminating in] an annular lip to form an open bucket mouth, said annular lip comprising a single annular wall portion extending upwardly from said annular [upright] bucket wall in a direction radially inwardly toward a center line axis of the annular bucket wall along a diagonal path to an upper end, said annular lip further extending from said upper end in an upright vertical direction generally parallel to the annular [upright] bucket wall to form a first vertical wall section having an outside radius and an inside radius, said outside radius less than said [the] inside wall radius of said annular [upright] bucket wall, said annular lip also comprising a vertical rim generally parallel to said first vertical wall section and having an inside rim wall and an outside rim wall, the outside rim wall [inside] having a radius less than said inside wall [the] radius of said annular [upright] bucket wall and greater than the outside radius of said first vertical wall section; and a single, generally horizontal annular flange extending from the first vertical wall section [between] and connecting the first vertical wall section and the vertical rim.

2. (original) A plastic bucket as defined in claim 1 where no external ribs or rings are formed on said annular lip in the area of said undercut.

3. (original) A plastic bucket as defined in claim 1 where no internal ribs are formed on said annular lip in the area of said undercut.

4. (original) A plastic bucket as defined in claim 1 where the angle between said diagonal path and the vertical direction does not exceed approximately 45 degrees.

5. (original) A plastic bucket as defined in claim 1 where no external or internal ribs or rings are formed on said annular lip in the area of said undercut.

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Claim 6. (withdrawn)

Claim 7. (withdrawn)

Claim 8. (original) A plastic bucket as defined in claim 1 where the magnitude of radially inward extent of said annular wall portion is controlled to permit said bucket to be molded without the use of a collapsible mold core.

9. (previously amended) The combination of claim 1 wherein said horizontal annular flange projects radially beyond said vertical rim.